

it becomes more apparent that these deaths may have been avoided had the Department of Transportation possessed vital safety-related information that the law does not currently require manufacturers to report.

The House bill falls short of the Senate bill, but it will improve the Department of Transportation's ability to detect defects earlier. As Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, I commit to revisiting this issue next Congress and resolve the issues left in the House bill. But it would be a serious mistake to prevent even this modest reform to go forward. I ask my colleagues to support the passage of H.R. 5164.

The bill (H.R. 5164) was passed.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, we went through a great deal of work in order to have the legislation passed concerning Bridgestone/Firestone. I thank the administration and Secretary Slater for all of his efforts.

I thank Senator HOLLINGS, who had strongly held views on this issue and yet came together with me and others.

I thank the Consumers Union for what they did. They are an advocacy group that, again, didn't see a perfect piece of legislation but supported this legislation. Mr. Kimmelman is a man of remarkable talents. I thank him.

I also want to thank Congressman UPTON and Congressman TAUZIN, who were able to get that legislation through the House of Representatives in this late period by a voice vote and thereby made it possible for this legis-

lation to be passed. They are both remarkable legislators. I appreciate very much all they did.

I say to my colleagues again that this issue isn't over. Tragically, I am in fear that there will be more deaths and injuries on America's highways before we finally make it much safer for Americans to be on America's highways. I think we have taken a major step forward, and one that hopefully will save lives and prevent injuries. If that is the case, as I think most experts view this legislation, then I think we will have done something good today.

I thank you, Mr. President, for your patience.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2000

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it recess until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 12. I further ask consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then proceed to H.R. 4635, the HUD-VA appropriations bill as under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senator from Arizona, Mr. MCCAIN, be allowed

10 minutes before the HUD-VA appropriations bill is voted on.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will begin consideration of the HUD-VA appropriations bill at 9:30 a.m. There are three amendments in order and up to three stacked rollcall votes will occur at approximately 12:30 p.m. Following the final vote on the HUD-VA bill, the Senate is expected to begin consideration of the conference report to accompany the Department of Defense authorization bill. There are approximately 6 hours of debate requested on the conference report. Therefore, Senators should expect votes later in the afternoon in reference to the DOD authorization conference report.

RECESS UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:50 p.m., recessed until Thursday, October 12, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.